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**From:** Nattis, Randy  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 3:03:31 AM  
**Subject:** Re: R9 activities

Harry. I'll have a field sampling summary tonight.

The lab has a 24 turn on samples. What's your sense on discussing / sharing preliminary data? START is doing a level 2 validation, which is another 24 hours. I would expect its roughly 48 to 60 hours to post results.

The viewer (r8) will be live tomorrow with sample locations and results (for samples that have gone through the process).

I also have START working on a static map with our sampling locations, jurisdictions, river miles, etc, for use presentations and our sitrep. It will also represent how we're set(ting) up operationally.

We have 6 START resources on the ground

We started having field ops calls today (0830 pst). Tomorrow I'll be in the air, so I'm going to push it to noon mtn. In the meantime, I'm having a call with START and NNEPA water tonight. I expect 2 sampling teams tomorrow (10 total sampling locations).

Team A - New Mexico (2 starts)

Team B - Utah / Arizona. (2 starts)

I currently have a START acting as a field sit unit (1 START), if we get an EPA asset, I'll shift START out. Also, as you are aware, we are sharing field data management resources with r6 (sample processing, field QA, SCRIBE/net, etc.).

The last START resource will be command support and rover.

We are working on bringing in boats. We may need to do river ops to ground truth and sampling. I'm hoping to stage those in ship rock at NNEPA water.

That's it for now.

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 6:45 PM, Allen, HarryL <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)> wrote:

This was my update earlier today. I will include the Navajo Emergency Declaration.

What other additional information can you provide for the sitrep tonight?

I'll cover staffing and ICP stuff and I'll include the full R8 sitrep as well.

Couple other items from Enrique:

- need a R9 only field coordination call. He suggests 830 am tomorrow repeating daily
- Jared and Kelly need a morning (by 1130) activity update w **Key Messages** I have been doing this (see below) but Rusty should take this on starting tomorrow
- Navajo management call 3pm. Randy has been doing this w Enrique. Updates to sitrep. I cannot do the next 2 days so hoping Bill will join EM and Randy
- sitrep sharing R8 sitrep and our activities w regional ER list and Navajo officials. Suggest appointing Bill as SITL in the office until ICP ready. I am doing tonight's.
- 8 getting heat in data availability. Need new focus on data availability but importantly interpretation and actions.

So send we what you got for today ASAP. Thanks!

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Allen, HarryL" <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 9, 2015 at 11:43:36 AM PDT  
**To:** "Kao, Jessica" <[Kao.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Kao.Jessica@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject: R9 activities**

## Region 9 Background

The discharge has moved quickly and is in the vicinity of the Navajo Nation boundary, near Kirtland, NM. Navajo officials have reacted quickly, assessing their well fields and drinking and irrigation water intake systems and issuing a precautionary "do not use" public service announcement regarding water from potentially impacted sources. Region 9 held a conference call today with Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) and Navajo Department of Public Safety.

The Navajo EPA surface water monitoring program (Shiprock Office) collected water

and sediment samples from the San Juan River yesterday - prior to the spill impact. Region 9 provided 2 START contractors and 4 additional personnel are en route to coordinate and conduct increased sample collection and lab analysis in conjunction with NNEPA.

A Region 9 OSC will report to Farmington on Monday to assist. A joint EPA/NNEPA river sampling program has commenced focusing on the San Juan between Shiprock/Hogback, NM area and Mexican Hat, UT and will continue for the foreseeable future. NNEPA also requested drinking water sampling support immediately for Navajo operated water intakes. NNEPA and USEPA drinking water experts agreed to inventory and assess water sources including private wells and intakes.

## STAFFING

### Farmington

Two Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) are deploying to Farmington on Sunday. The CICs will plan to meet with local Navajo Chapter officials and prepare to host public meetings in the coming days. The CICs will partner with NNEPA and NN Department of Public Safety to ensure comprehensive outreach to all affected Navajo Chapters.

1 R9 OSC arriving Monday, 2 more arriving Wednesday

### Durango

1 OSC is in the Durango Incident Command Post to coordinate Navajo field activity updates and results with Region 8. Preparing the R9/R6 incident action plan and staffing the IMT.

The Region has also deployed a Public Information Officer (PIO) to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango.

OSC Robert Wise (Durango): 562-889-2572

PIO Rusty Harris-Bishop (Durango): 415-694-8840

OSC Randy Nattis (SF to Farmington 8/10): 415-940-1108

Harry Allen, Section Chief (Sit Report): 415-218-7406

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 11:12 AM, Kao, Jessica <[Kao.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Kao.Jessica@epa.gov)> wrote:

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What time will call be at.

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Harry, pls forward to randy. I just spoke to him

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